

Determined Frosh Pushing Veterans For Top Positions In Spring Drills

Williams, Lineberger, Setzer Posing As Stiff Competition

By JACK MURPHY

A scrappy bunch of determined freshmen are making their bids to win starting positions on the Tar Heel football eleven of 1955. No less than 22 yearlings are highlighting the spring practice sessions as they begin the last half of the four-week training period.

Veteran guards Bill Koman and John Jones are meeting stiff competition from Jack Lineberger and "Hap" Setzer, pride of Coach Ralph Floyd's freshman club last fall. The tank-like mighty mites, both weighing over two hundred pounds and under six feet in height, have every attribute necessary for the makings of two great guards—speed, aggressiveness, power, and an overwhelming desire to play football. Lineberger is from Belmont, and Setzer from Lepoir.

Howard Williams is another freshman making a strong bid for the wide open fullback job. The pile-driving Hertford boy has been battling Soph Don Lear for the spot. It was Williams who grabbed the winning extra point aerial from Buddy Sasser in the Duke freshman game last season.

A PAIR of frosh ends, Buddy Payne and Vince Olsen, present yet another battle for a spot on the '55 team. Payne, a Norfolk, Va. product, is currently running with the first team and Olsen is pushing Will Frye and Larry Mutschamp at the other flank.

Joe Temple, one of the finest prep backs in the state last year at Valdese High School, has demonstrated the speed, drive, and elusiveness of a future star half-back while pushing Larry McMullen and Ken Keller for a spot in the backfield. Temple's best game as a freshman at Carolina was the Maryland contest in which he returned a kick-off some 80 yards for the lone Tar Baby score.

Jimmy Jones, from Greensboro where he was voted "Most Outstanding Player" in an annual East-West High School all-star game, is a first-rate replacement for steady George Stavnitski at center. Out most of the past season with a shoulder injury, Jones is making a name for himself in every scrimmage as a rock on defense and a deadly blocker.

THREE MORE frosh are having it out for steady employment at the quarterback position. Buddy Sasser, Ron Marquette, and David Reed all were outstanding on the freshman team. Sasser sparked the win over South Carolina with two beautiful scoring runs that had the old timers whispering something about a "Choo Choo" train. Reed took the reigns against Virginia when Sasser was hurt and promptly passed and ran his team to another win.

Marquette got his chance when both Sasser and Reed were out with injuries, and the big converted single wing tailback ran the Duke Blue Imps as dizzy as a headless turkey in the annual cerebral palsy benefit game on Thanksgiving Day. If the Sutton experiment falls through and Bullock needs help, these three generals will be ready.

TACKLE LEO Russavage and back Steve Kupchick were among the most applauded freshmen last fall but leg injuries have kept them out of spring practice. When they heal there will be two more thorns in the sides of the veteran Tar Heels.

Linemen Frank Berry, Phil Blazer, Jack Llewellyn, Mike Munchak, Paul Pulley, and Bill Woods and backs Dick Darling, Donnie Kelley, Wally Vale, Jim Varnum, and Daley Goff are still more freshmen seeking spots opposite the red clad Sooners come next September and opening day at Kenan Stadium.

Co-Rec Sports Events Tonight, 7 O'clock

The annual co-recreational sports carnival, featuring 20 mixed teams of men and women, will get under way tonight at Woollen Gym at 7 o'clock. Trophies will be given to the teams getting the highest number of points and to the individual winners in each event. Thirty-two campus organizations are represented.

ATO-1 Smashes Phi Gam-2 In Cage Playoffs

Sigma Chi-1, Phi Delt-1 And TEP-1 Also Triumph

The intra-mural basketball play-off series got under way yesterday with Sigma Chi-1, ATO-1, TEP-1 and Phi Delt-1 coming through with victories in the 4 o'clock games.

The Sigma Chi squad led at half-time by a 19-9 score over a stubborn ATO-4 team. During the second half, Sigma Chi scored 30 while the ATO's hit for only eight to give the Sigma Chi's a 49-17 victory. Mitchell led the winners with 13 points while his teammate Osborne tallied 10. Graham Shanks led the scoring for the losers with eight points.

The ATO-1 squad had better luck than the No. 4 team as they trounced Phi Gam-2 by the score of 77-30. Billy Mason copped scoring honors for the victors as he netted 27 points. Teammates Jerry Russel and Bill Kirkman scored 18 and 16, respectively, to ice the game. Gerry Gardner led the outmanned Phi Delt club with nine markers.

TEP-1 outplayed Kappa Sigma-2 in the second half and wound up with a 55-36 triumph. The TEP's had a slim 24-20 lead after the first half. Ira Davis and Stan Stern both netted 20 for the winners and shared the high scoring honors. Teammate Dave Garmise's rebounds also played an important role in the victory. Yowell was high man for the losers with 10 points.

In the closest contest of the afternoon, the Phi Delt-1 team downed Delta Sig-1 by the score of 42-32. Lewellen hit 16 and Hooper tallied 11 for the winners. Tommy Norman chalked up 12 points for the losers. The Phi Delt's gained an early lead and were never headed.

Darrell Floyd Selected Player Of Year In S. C.

RICHMOND, Va., March 7. (AP)—All-American Darrell Floyd of Furman was the "basketball player of the year" in the Southern Conference.

Floyd, whose 36.5-point-per-game scoring average topped the nation, was named for the honor today by the Southern Conference Sports Writers Assn. Balloting for the "player of the year" award was conducted here last weekend in conjunction with the conference basketball tournament.

Floyd will be presented the Mac Pitt Trophy, newly named by the association in honor of the University of Richmond athletic director.

Others receiving votes for the "player of the year" award included Rod Hundley of West Virginia; Corky Devlin and Joe Holup of George Washington University; Warren Mills of Richmond and Johnny Mahoney of William and Mary.

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Six Diamond Posts Clinched

By MARSHALL WALDMAN

Six of the nine positions on the Tar Heel baseball squad have been all but clinched as the Carolina baseballers start down the home stretch of spring practice.

Tom Zachary seems to have the first base position well in hand. Zachary should open the season at the initial sack but will have to fight to hold down the post when Will Frye returns to the squad, Coach Walter Rabb said. "Frye and Keller will not become starters when they rejoin the club. They will have to work themselves back into shape and play better ball than the boys who will be playing before they get a chance to become full fledged starters."

Frye and Keller have been at football practice and should report to the diamond in about two weeks.

THE BATTLE for second base has been narrowed down to Chuck Hartman and Buddy Strause. Al Long should open at shortstop and Iver Lee Hill will be stationed at the hot corner.

Bobby Paller and Connie Gravite are two sure starters in the outfield. Paller will patrol right field and Gravite will cover the ground in center field.

Left field will be taken by either left-handed Mal Harding or sophomore Dick Hudson.

When Keller rejoins the squad and can return to normal playing shape, Rabb will move Paller to left field where he played last year and Keller will be back at his old post in right field.

JIMMY LOWE has looked sharp in practice and should have locks on the catching position. Jack Maulsby, who is also a football refugee might give Love a battle when he returns.

The pitching situation remains a big muddle. Tom Maulsby and Jim Raugh can be counted on as starters but after that, it's just a guessing game. Don Hill, Morris Hall, Art Stone, Bob Johnson, Billy Joe Johnson and Eric Heiden have all been working during batting practice.

Duke Loses To Villanova

The Villanova-Duke game, starting out slow with a steady accompaniment of whistle-tooting for fouls, wound up in a blaze of scoring as the Blue Devils closed the gap from 10 points to one in the last three minutes.

Villanova, which led 39-29 at the half and 57-44 in the middle of the second period, almost came apart in the closing minutes as sharp-shooting Joe Belmont and Dan Tobin began hitting with their outside shots and slicing through the defense. The final score was 74-73.

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N. C. State Ranked Fourth In Final AP Cage Poll

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The University of San Francisco, acclaimed the nation's No. 1 college basketball team in the final regular season Associated Press poll, faced tough sledding today as the Dons attempted to prove their rating in the NCAA basketball championship tournament.

The Dons took over the top spot in the weekly poll Feb. 7 after Kentucky's second loss to Georgia Tech and the Californians have remained No. 1 ever since. Kentucky, which held the top ranking from the third week in December until derailed by Georgia Tech, was close behind San Francisco as ballots from 171 of the nation's sports writers and sportscasters were tallied. A year ago Kentucky ruled No. 1 at the regular season's close.

SAN FRANCISCO received 67 first place votes, and on the basis of 10 points for first, nine for second, etc., the Dons rolled up 1424 points. Kentucky, the Southeastern Conference champion, polled 58 first and 1358 points. Right behind with 1043 points is LaSalle, the defending NCAA tournament champion. No other team received as many as 1000 points.

There was one major upheaval in the top 10 this week. Iowa, No. 12 a week ago, bounced into the No. 5 spot after capturing the Big Ten Conference title. Oregon State, Pacific Coast Conference champion, took over the No. 10 after being No. 14 last week.

NORTH CAROLINA State, barred from the NCAA tournament, is No. 4. Others in the first 10 are Duquesne 6, Utah 7, Marquette 8, and Dayton 9.

Cowan Only Tar Heel To Win Title Match

By AL KORSCHUN

Varsity wrestler Hugh Cowan has been voted The Daily Tar Heel "Athlete of the Week" by virtue of his winning the 130-pound ACC wrestling championship last weekend in Woollen Gym.

Cowan, who was seeded second in the conference tournament, gained the crowd's eye when he beat Maryland's Baryl Cohen for the second time this year in the semifinal round. In the final match of the 130-pound class, with the crowd pulling for him all the way, Hugh rallied from behind to upset top-seeded Chuck Roth (Duke) in one of the most exciting matches of the final round.

By winning the conference title, Cowan earned the right to enter the NCAA tournament which will be held at Cornell University, March 25-26.

Cowan, a sophomore from Ann Arbor, Michigan, came to Carolina last year with three years of high school wrestling experience behind him. Improving steadily as the season progressed, he went undefeated in four matches as a freshman and was elected team captain at the end of the season.

Hugh began his first varsity season this year rather unimpressively by losing four matches while wrestling out of his weight class at 137 pounds. However, he finished up the season strongly by scoring three victories, one of these being against conference champion Maryland.

The Tar Heel team showed up much better in tournament competition than it had done in compiling an unsuccessful season's record of one victory and nine defeats. On an unofficial scoring basis of 7-5-3-1 points for first, second, third, and fourth places, the Tar Heels placed third behind Maryland and Virginia, respectively.

177-pounder Miles Gregory, who had won four of his six past season matches, battled State's Al Henry down to the final bell before losing a 4-3 decision. Brodus Thompson at 137 pounds, who had been ineligible for the first half of the recent campaign, pleasantly surprised Coach Sam Barnes in taking third place in his weight class, easily defeating Bill Jarrell (Duke) in their consolation bout.

BOB and MONK of TOWN & CAMPUS SALUTE HUGH COWAN who was Carolina's only championship winner (in the 130-pound class) in Saturday's ACC Wrestling tournament here. Cowan, unseeded, rallied to come from behind to win his title match.

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